GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA
ABSTRACT

CIVIL SUPPLIES - Low pressure area over south east Bay of Bengal and adjoining Equatorial low pressure, some of the districts were hit with “PHETHAI” cyclone - The paddy fields in most of the cyclone hit areas were severely affected with heavy winds and crop damages were witnessed as the Paddy fields are in harvesting stage - Purchase of paddy and dis-coloured paddy from the farmers – Orders – Regarding.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (CS.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 03 **Dated: 21-01-2019.**
Read:

Note, dated:17-01-2019, from the VC & MD., A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., Vijayawada.

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ORDER:

In the reference read above, the Vice-Chairman and Managing Director, A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation has stated that due to low pressure area over south east Bay of Bengal and adjoining Equatorial low pressure, some of the districts were hit with “PHETHAI” cyclone, as a result, the paddy fields in most of the cyclone hit areas were severely affected with heavy winds and crop damages were witnessed as the Paddy fields are in harvesting stage.

2. Accordingly, the Agricultural department has assessed the crops affected across the cyclone hit districts and noticed the crops with some percentage of damage, discoloration and any other refractions effected and submitted the preliminary report as follows:

Sl.No	**Name of the District**	**Paddy affected crop area in Ha**	**Other Crops affected in Ha(Tobbaco/ Maize/Cotton/Groundnut/Sunflower/Sugar cane**	**Total Affected crops in Ha**
1	Visakhapatnam	**1303**	**0.00**	**1303.00**
2	East Godavari	**2126**	**2417.00**	**4543.00**
3	West Godavari 703 5203 5906	**703**	**5203.00**	**5906.00**
4	Krishna	9490	**3194.00**	12684.00
5	Guntur	35228	365.00	35593.00
6	Prakasam	1299	**448.00**	**1747.00**
7	Srikakulam	**0**	**369.00**	**369.00**
8	Vijianagaram 522.8 522.80	5875	522.80	6397.80
	Total	56024	12518.80	68542.80

3. As per the preliminary report of the Agricultural Department, it is apprehended that, the Paddy crop was severely affected in Six (6) districts which is in various stages viz., sheaves, grain stacks etc.

4. The details of the paddy crop affected and the expected monetary loss assessed are as follows:

Area of the paddy crop damaged in Ha:	56024 Ha.
Average yield per Hectare:	6 MTs
(32 bags@ 75 Kg per bag)	
Total paddy damaged (56024 x 6MTs):	3.36 L MTs
Grade ”A”(17700/MT X3.36 L MTs):	594.72 Cr.
Common (17500/MT X3.36 L MTs):	588.00 Cr

5. In the event of Cyclones/Natural calamities/heavy rains etc., the Govt. of India, relaxes the Fair Average Quality specifications of Paddy and permits the respective state governments to procure paddy from the farmers Under Relaxed Specifications

6. It is the responsibility of the state to protect the farmers and facilitating them to sell their flood affected produce to the state government at a remunerative price by bringing the issue to the notice of Govt. of India.

7. The rains occurred during Phethai Cyclone at the time of Paddy Harvesting Stage in some of the districts viz. East Godavari, West Godavari, Guntur, Krishna, Srikakulam, Vizag and Vizianagaram districts. Harvested paddy was affected and the farmers are facing distress sale because of this damage/ discoloured paddy.

8. The Government of AP. has already requested the GOI., for Relaxation of Uniform specifications to enable purchase of paddy and CMR in the affected districts. The State Government is awaiting for the orders from the GOI. As per the Agricultural Dept., report estimated crop which was affected by pethai cyclone is 3.36 L Mts.

9. In view of the above and in order to save the farmers from distress sale of damaged paddy, the Vice-chairman and Managing Director, A.P. State Civil Supply Corporation Ltd., Vijayawada has furnished the following proposal for consideration and requested to issue necessary orders regarding purchase of paddy and dis-coloured paddy from the farmers.

i. a price of 1550/- per Quanta shall be adopted irrespective of Grade A or common and other parameters.
ii. TCS is requested to open a separate window to purchase this paddy duly testing the moisture content..
iii. Authorisation is given to Joint Collectors to convene millers meeting to tag the said procurement to give at least 58.4% OTR of FAQ rice and other 8.6% on FAQ rice which can be auctioned (for feed as cattle feed) or auction paddy as on where is basis, as this exercise is being done to help out the farmers irrespective of subsidy from the GOI.
iv. As an alternative, the VC & MD., A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., may be permitted to enter into an MOU with any spare mill with sortex and other infrastructure and run the mill on PPP mode in order to auction the resultant rice and other by-products to realise the maximum.

10. After careful examination of the entire proposal, Government hereby accord to approve the above proposal of the Vice-chairman and Managing Director, A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., Vijayawada.

11. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Vice-chairman and Managing Director, A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., Vijayawada are requested to take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

A.SURYA KUMARI
E.O.SECRETARY TO GOVRNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Vijayawada.
The Vice-chairman and Managing Director, A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., Vijayawada.
The District Collectors, All Districts in A.P.
The Joint Collector, All Districts in A.P.
The Member Secretary, A.P. State Food Commission, Vijayawada.
The Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies Dept., Government of India, New Delhi.
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER